

Sunday Adventure to the Pollinator Prairie!

This Sunday in mid-October is super cold and rainy. I would want to go somewhere where I can spend more time, but I had to settle for a smaller locale so that I don't freeze to death. Because I have to drive to my mom's house anyway, I decided on going to this small Pollinator Prairie right down the road from her house. It was 38 degrees fahrenheit outside, and it was raining, so I was not shocked that there were no pollinators about. Despite the weather, I was determined to at least enjoy a bite of my snack, my Navitas bar. At the park, there are multiple gardens for different pollinators, all of which have labeled plants and some small statues of the respective pollinators.



Scavenger Hunt

1) Pollinator

Not successful, which would be surprising at a pollinator prairie, but considering the weather, I was not shocked. I did find a bee hotel though, and it was super cute. Bee hotels are super important, because most bee species don't actually make and live in hives, but rather live in wood, one example found in Kansas is the carpenter or wood bee. When you give them a bee hotel, they don't have to make their homes in trees (or human structures made from wood) and it helps them increase their rates of pollination, making for a healthier environment.



2) 2 Plant species

I saw some beautiful catmint, which I found in the Bee Garden. I also saw pale purple Coneflower, but it was not blooming, in the Bird Garden



3) 1 bird species

I saw some geese flying above my head in the sky! There were so many and they were impossible to miss, because they were also incredibly loud. I love this time of year because geese are really mean and they are migrating away now, which makes me happy I have a good video of them on my Instagram post!



4) 1 flower species

I couldn't find the identifier plaque, but I saw some little pink flowers that were on a tall, skinny plant in the Bird Garden. They were really pretty, and I wonder what they were.

5) Wildlife

Other than the geese, there weren't any critters out today, and I don't blame them, because it was super cold! It rarely gets this cold this early in the year, so I hope the animals and insects were ready for the sudden cold. It's supposed to snow a little bit tonight, so I hope they are all ready for it.



6) Terrain

I'm sure it is shocking, but in a place called the Pollinator Prairie, the terrain was flat and grassy, much like... a prairie. Today it was also pretty muddy, because it has been super rainy lately. The paths were sidewalks in between the gardens, and in the gardens it was mulch.



7) Sky

It was grey and cloudy today, so the sky was pretty gloomy.

8) Something that took my breath away

Seeing the geese fly above me was an awesome sight and sound to behold.

9) Something that surprised me

I was surprised to see a big gazebo here! It would normally be pretty enjoyable, especially in the rain, if it weren't nearly freezing outside.



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sunn.bun For Project Green Challenge Day 14, I braved the cold and rain to see the Pollinator Prairie. I didn't see many pollinators, but I don't think bees and butterflies like the 38° weather today. I did see some geese flying overhead though! [@turninggreenorg](#) [#PGC2018](#)

